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COSLAVIA AND BULGARIA.

GRAN SITUATION" ARISES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

BELGRADE, December 30. Tension between Jugoslavia and Bulgaria reached a peak in the speech by Bulgarian Premier, who referred to Bulgarian minorities and suspend voluntary enlistment. The allied powers would implement temporarily to recruit an army on a basis. This is interpreted as a challenge to the Jugoslavs. The Balkans discussed the speech after which M. Rakich, the Serbian Minister at Sofia, was telegraphically instructed to return to Belgrade to confer with the Government. Official circles opine that M. Tzankoff's utterance marks a definite change in Bulgarian policy in favour of the restoration of pre-war conditions in the Balkans. The Belgrade newspaper *Vremena* declares that it is the duty of the Government to adopt military steps if necessary to assure future security. Other newspapers, irrespective of party, express similar exhortations.

REICH AND RENTENMARK.

FLOATING DEBT REDUCED.

BERLIN, December 30. Since November 15 when the Rentenmark was first issued Germany's floating debt has decreased from 191.6 trillion paper marks to 96.0. According to an official statement by the Ministry of Finance the indebtedness of the Reich to the Reichsbank may now be regarded as discharged. Since the Reichsbank no longer discounts Treasury Bills and the Reich's expenditure and revenue do not yet balance the Reich is obliged to raise credit from the Rentenbank. This credit on December 20 amounted to 70 million Rentenmarks apart from two hundred million more to redeem the floating debt.

BLACK SEA BLOW.

AMERICAN FREIGHTER FOUNDERS.

CONSTANTINOPLE, December 30. Violent gales have greatly damaged shipping in Turkish waters, particularly the Black Sea where the big American cargo steamer "Conejos" with a cargo of manganese ore from Batum foundered with all hands. A wireless message picked up by the British steamer "Molesley" said: "Conejos" sinking fast. Hold number one full of water. Bow awash. Have received no response to calls for help."

CANTON CONDITIONS.

AN APPEAL

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CANTON, December 30. Things are generally quiet. Along the Shantung frontage are five British, six American, two Japanese and two Portuguese gunboats and one Italian gunboat at anchor. It is rumoured there will be a general strike within a week or so. The following is a copy of an appeal which has been distributed on Siamen.

STUDENTS' APPEAL.

STUDENTS' VOLUNTEER HOME DEFENCE CORPS PROPOSED.

CANTON, Dec. 24, 1923.

Fellow Students: Foreign warships, contrary to international law and justice, are in our territorial water, and their guns are now pointing at our metropolis, threatening to bombard us. Our home and hearth are in danger of foreign invasion and destruction. In a word, our enemies are at the gate.

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—China's Young-men? Our cause which is for republicanism, democracy, progress and peace, is at stake; our territory is in danger of

CREPE RUBBER.

POPULAR PRODUCT FOR FOOTWEAR.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, December 30.

There appears, says the *Observer's Financial Editor*, to be an outlet for a further very considerable quantity of crepe rubber as soles for every kind of footwear. That its use for this purpose is progressing is shown by the fact that one Mincing Lane broker sells over a thousand tons yearly solely for footwear, while another ships from ten to twelve tons weekly to the United States for the same purpose. It is understood that the boot and shoe trade is taking great interest in the product as a paying proposition. Plantation crepe is proving very popular in South Africa whilst applications come daily from Australia, for agencies and the special department of the Rubbergrowers' Association dealing with crepe rubber is inundated with inquiries from continental cities. The British War Office recently ordered forty thousand army rest shoes with crepe soles and it is understood a larger contract will shortly be placed.

MISSING "DIXMUIDE."

CREW'S FATE STILL UNCERTAIN.

PARIS, December 30. *Le Matin* publishes will all reserve a telegram from Tunis stating that a sailing vessel reports having seen off Chebba, at a place she was unable to reach, a raft bearing three men supposed to be survivors from the "Dixmude." A tug was immediately sent to investigate.

LATER.

A message from Tunis states that competent authorities deny the existence of the raft reported to have been seen off Chebba. No trace has so far been discovered of the missing members of the crew of the "Dixmude."

NEW AMERICAN AMBASSADOR.

London, December 30.

The new American Ambassador, Mr. Frank Kellogg arrived at Plymouth aboard the "President Harding" and was welcomed by the Mayor of Plymouth and Admiral Sir Richard Phillimore, the Commander-in-Chief. Interviewed, Mr. Kellogg said the economic and political chaos existing in many parts demand the most tolerant and broadminded statesmanship, especially of the great powers. He believed Anglo-American relations would grow more friendly as time went on and he would do his best towards this end.—*Reuter's American Service.*

DIOCESAN BOYS SCHOOL.

SCHOLASTIC SUCCESSES.

Striking successes were gained by scholars of the Diocesan Boys' School in the examinations held by the University, when the School gained the King Edward VII scholarships (two) and the Hongkong Government Education Scholarship for Boys, a feat on which those concerned are to be heartily congratulated. These have to be added to the successes achieved by the School in the past. In 1887 when the Cambridge Locals were first introduced in the Colony a Diocesan boy attained the highest possible place. In 1889, when the Oxford Locals were substituted for Cambridge, the school secured 471 certificates. In 1890, the Government Scholarship of £200 for four years in England was gained by F. Southery who was taught at the school. Since then to the present, the school has earned an almost unbroken run of successes, its students being found in all walks of life adding testimony to the teaching given, and the discipline exercised, by those in charge of the institution.

During the week ended the 28th which was interrupted by the Christmas Holidays there has been very little business passing in the stock market and quotations do not show much change. The Shanghai Market for "Cottons" and "Docks" is also dull. The Singapore Market for Rubber Shares shows that there are few changes in quotations but any fresh markings are downward. The raw material is quoted in Singapore at 40 cents per lb. The London Market for "Banks" remains the same, and "Oils" shows a slight increase. Indos (Deferred) are a shade weaker.

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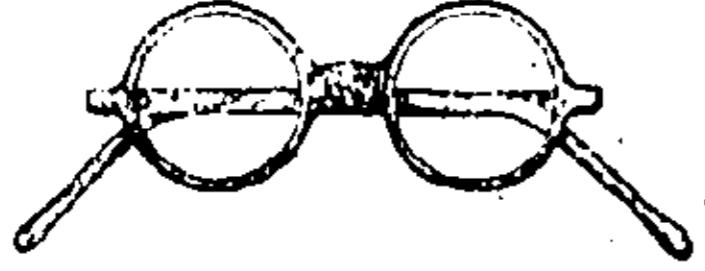
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DEATH

WARREN—November 21, at Sid, mouth, Pelham Laird Warren, K.C.M.G., late H.B.M.'s Consular Service, China, aged 78.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG MONDAY, Dec. 31, 1923.

THE BUSINESS OF LIFE.

"It might have been" are said to be the saddest words of tongue or pen. But the phrase can be used variously. If this dying year has not been all we expected it to be, "it might have been" very much worse. There is at least a modicum of comfort in that side of the matter, suggesting perhaps a tincture of settled pessimism and an acknowledgment that there are forces in the world which we dimly perceive, too great for us to understand, impossible for us to combat. The year which is drawing or dying to its close has been perhaps no better or worse than its many predecessors. For many it opened and continued well, but the promise of successful fulfillment did not mature. It somehow fell short in the good things that seemed to be contained in its flying days—for us and ours. But a moment of thought will convince us that we do without some of it has been worth living. It has been a business, a great business. Prosperity has overtaken—

As a community and a Nation Lord Morley's dictum also applies. Our civic lives are so ordered for us in this little place that few are the opportunities given us to do and to be, whilst the facts of the case demand that we do without

the word used the correct one, the Colony, in no uncertain manner. In spite of the fact that economic conditions have been such that other parts of the world have been the reverse of prosperous, we have swallowed in the lap of progress that is measured in money. We may well hesitate a moment to consider the source and the meaning of that prosperity, and to take a thought for the future, but the onus for that and the settlement of conditions which have brought a measure of hardship to those ill able to afford it, is in other hands. We cannot let it rest at that and those in authority should continually be reminded that wrongs are made to be righted. Apart from that the business of life for us in this place is to be and to do as members of a race renowned for its high sense of justice and for its desire for the things that are true and of good report. Has 1923 emphasised these national traits in us?

Nationally we seem to have gone back somewhat. The roar of the lion is not regarded as it once was. And we are inclined to think this is just as well. We think we can say with a reasonable amount of pride that 1923 has found Great Britain more than solid in the matter of straight dealing, and all out for honesty of purpose and action—an example to others. The world is not yet safe for democracy, but such institutions as the League of Nations give us hope. The past year has more than tested it, almost riven it, but it still stands firm, full of possibilities for the future peace of the world.

For our very near neighbours, 1923 does not appear to have been very gracious, but in all the strife and chaos which seem for the moment to be the portion of the Chinese Nation, we desire to see flickerings of hope. From an old regime she was suddenly plunged into a new one from which much was expected. Sudden changes do not necessarily bring in their train immediate benefits, and this fact must be borne in mind by those who would criticise harshly the gropings and strivings of an obviously great people.

We have been obviously optimistic in this inadequate reference to the year within a few hours at its end, and leave the message of optimism for 1924 as the only sensible thing with which to commence the New Year. Ring out the old by all means; ring in the new certainly, but let us not leave it to others. Let us remember anew that the business of 1924 for us is "to be," and "to do." That being recognised the added "to do without" will come as a matter of course whilst "to depart" will not concern us very greatly.

A Hongkong Pageant.

Pageants are not quite a new idea. There was a vogue of them at one time at Home, and many cities organised them, dipping into the records and history of their towns, by means of Domesday books, minutes, and the fragments of history and legend which cling to most places. H.R.H. the Prince Wales having suggested the desirability of holding a Pageant of Empire, it is unnecessary to say that the same will be duly organised and held, and will be one of the chief attractions of the forthcoming Empire Exhibition, delighting, as most Pageants do, the eye and enriching the mind with those pictures of a past age which even the best written book cannot do. Their usefulness is obvious, and to the young especially the lessons that can be obtained from them beyond question. We have ere this, in private conversation, suggested a Pageant for Hongkong, and even went to the length of discussing ways and means. The idea seems to be practical. Hongkong has its history and with the peoples who have helped to make its greatness, a good story should be forthcoming with the splash of colour, the grades of dress, the incidents of her history, all necessary to a Pageant. Having now publicly stated the matter we trust it will not be allowed to remain at that. We have assisted among us with a quick eye for colour, a high sense of the dramatic, and able to arrange tableaux and processions, that should make it fairly easy to arrange such a Pageant. It would bring all classes of the Community together and serve a chain of friendliness not seen before.

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Our Police. Tempering our jubilation at the successful issue of Saturday's battle with armed robbers at Yaumati, will be a note of sympathy with the gallant officers who have suffered in following the onerous cause of duty in one of the worst plague spots in the Colony. Not merely the European section of the force over there, but the Chinese and Indian police seem to have gone to their dangerous task with a vim and determination that merits the highest praise. Their effort has not been in vain, and will also have its effect in warning off other desperate characters who may be disposed to attempt fortune at the point of the dagger and the revolver. Promptness seems to have dominated the proceedings and the community will agree with us that Inspector Murphy and his colleagues are deserving of all the good things that can be said of them. The whole incident, including the revolver duel, show that the provision of bullet-proof waistcoats to be an absolute necessity, and a matter of wisdom in providing for them. We trust they will soon be here and use at once made of them. The lives of the Police are too valuable to have them thrown away at a moment's notice by the bullets of those who evidently are prepared to stop at nothing to secure their ends and to create a reign of terror throughout the Colony. Some of them now see that desperate resources, are to be met with desperate resources, and that one good revolver shot from a police pistol is likely to be as effective as one from a robber. Saturday's business proves anew the correctness of W. S. Gilbert when he said—

When constabulary duty's to be done,
A Policeman's lot is not a happy one.

CHARIVARI. We cannot help but observe that the "Hydrangea" was pirated in Bias Bay. This suggests a clue. Were the pirates bowlers?

Many found out that while misfortune made a good Christmas decoration, holly had its points.

Will there be a sound of rustling to-night? There should be if the turning over of new leaves is up to the quantity of past New Year events.

Science can gauge the "kick" in a feminine kiss we are told. This is the first time we have known s.m.a.c.k. to be spelt kick.

There is a revival in home weaving and spinning. Married men in Hongkong still cling to the same old yarns.

According to Mr. Ratcliffe Cousins, "people are not obliged to hop, skip and jump out of the way of a motorcyclist." Of course they're not! What are our hobbies for?

The "Hydrangea" must change her name. Otherwise she may expect to be plucked again.

The production costs of gas have now dropped by nearly 30 per cent. But we still pay our Members of Parliament £400 a year.

Ex-President Wilson has been at it again. He says the war was won largely by America's unconquerable soldiers. The example of George Washington has not influenced Mr. Wilson.

Dr. Marie Stopes has written a play called "The Ostrich." Her own conception!

The ex-Kaiser has been clearly told by the Allies that his only hope of avoiding the consequences of his war acts is to remain quietly at Doorn. Surely the word quickly is wrong. Are there not six step-children?

Mr. Lloyd George, when in America, was made a Red Indian. Another feather in his cap.

Henry Ford's book, one of the critics declares, tries to cover too many matters. Could do with a few less "spare parts," perhaps.

Two kinds of women are attractive to men: a pretty woman who is clever and a pretty woman who isn't.

Most women like handsome men,

rich ones, and marry homely paupers.

We have no sympathy with Lord Birkenhead's HEARTS talk about the world to be won with stout hearts and shining swords, it reminds one too much of the ex-Kaiser's "military hero." But as we said when the war broke out, the great thing for the people to do was to make up their minds whether they hated "Hunian" or were merely jealous of it in its Prussian form. And even since the Armistice has certainly shown that with a large and noisy nation, it was more jealousy than anything else.

A friend, deking THE SNOBs. to change his quarters, advertised that a young man wanted board and residence. He received only three replies, all "unsatisfactory." He advertised again and substituting "gentleman" for "man" he received over 40 answers.

* * * The Vicar of St. Nicholas' Gdns. Wallsey, is distressed that people do not come to his church but may be seen strolling through the village with golf clubs, or may be seen going off for a day's motoring. So he asks why not come to church as they are? And he adds that it would certainly be better to come to church in flannels and to see stacks of golf clubs in the porch and a row of motors outside the church, rather than for them not to come at all. That we think is only sense, and we commend the idea to the padres at St. John's Cathedral and the Union Church. A little hymn-singing before golf would probably lead to better play and less desire to address the ball in hasty language.

POIGNANT. "In every ever given on a cricket-field must have been scattered during a game in which a catch was offered and waited for it calmly.

Miss N. Archie appealingly, "and my sister!"

The I. A. S. S. ploughing through Bericath a silken owner, Lord Muncrahan, his champagne, and his charming dame, who was looking over the side. Young witty, she was a favorite and the jewel of his bowlers?

His Lordship was another bottle, when a piercing scream and the Aldermeade had disappeared.

Lord Munchausen dashed to the side, bitterly crying, "My child, my child!"

Like a flash, Crytin, the eighth chamberlain, who had been winding the clock, rushed to the binnacle, and plunged into the foaming breaker.

As the cold waves closed over the brave deliverer, Lord Munchausen, unscrewing his fountain pen, generously called for his cheque book, and ordered the immediate resignation of the first chamberlain, pending the refilling of that august post.

They were opening a case of creme de menthe when Lord Munchausen returned to the mill to look for the bold rescuer. Sighing, he tore up the cheque. The fool couldn't swim.

We do not know if PRAYER. special prayers were offered in the local Churches in the matter of the recent General Election, but readers of the China Mail may be interested in reading the prayer which the Archbishop of Canterbury directed to be used in the Churches at Home prior to the election:

Almighty God, the source of all wisdom, direct, we beseech Thee, the minds of those now called to elect fit persons to serve in the High Court of Parliament, that they may have regard to Thy glory and the welfare of Thy people; and on those whom they shall choose, bestow, of Thy goodness, the spirit of wisdom and true religion; for the sake of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.—Amen.

We are a babe in COCKTAILS. such things and do not therefore pose as an authority. Doubtless there is a book which gives the names of all known cocktails. We wonder if it contains the name of one which has just come to our mind which is described as "the Maiden's Prayer."

McCarthy we know: a Pink Lady we know, but The Maiden's Prayer we do not know.

We do not know EXACTITUDE. who holds the record for exactitude

in detail but the following emanates open to doubt. It concerns the death of a train-traveller. The report read:—"When picked up, the decapitated body was quite cold, and lying on its side, about 17 inches out from the down rail, and about 18 feet 6 ins. from the home signal. The body had apparently fallen from one of the night trains, or perhaps a day train, or else the man had been asleep on the line and unaware of the train's approach, or else he had purposely committed suicide himself."

(Gruelish particulars of mutilation hero.) "The head, which was picked up some eight or nine feet away from the spot where the body was found, had evidently been cut clean off. The torso when discovered was to all appearances totally dead and lifeless."

To-day's Poem. (Part 1)
The even heart that beats—
The cool head where heart desires—
The measuring eye that sees—
The soul unbodied by fires—
These are the things the world requires—
Far more than superfluous—
Wherefore we prize generous souls—
Be fit to fit! For Rudy—

WEATHER

* DECEMBER

1711. Out frost in yesterday, a sleet—
1774. I do not want to be affected by cold, which still be more northern country—
1667. Is

double happiness—
Mrs. Delaney

He had been bound shop cooie of No. 10, on Street, managed his hands and touch a communication with an

being blown with the re-

for the door without being

to get any loot.

A detachment of Wei-hai-wei police (Chinese) have arrived in the Colony by the s.s. "Huichow" and they will be stationed in the New Territories. This batch consists of over sixty men with some families. It is learnt that with the New Year, a number of the Northerners will be brought into the Yaumati and Mong Kok districts to replace some Cantonese and Indian officers who will be brought back to Central.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised
In The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

December 31.—Coronet Theatre; Constance Talmadge in "Dangerous Business."

December 31.—Star Theatre; Izako, the Russian Court Conjurer, and "The Midnight Guest."

December 31.—World Theatre; Gladys Walton in "Crossed Wires."

December 31.—The Grand Theatre; Anita Stewart in "The Yellow Typhoon."

SOCIAL

January 24.—Fancy Dress Ball at Peak Club, 9.15 p.m.

AUCTION.

January 3.—Lammet Bros. at No 5 East View Buildings Ground Floor, Nathan Road, Kowloon, household furniture, 2.30 p.m.

OTHER MEETING.

January 3.—Annual general meeting of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club (Ladies' Section), at Helena May Institute, 11 a.m.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

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EXHIBITION.

January 3.—The Sanitary Board is to meet on Thursday. Fourteen items of business are on the agenda.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

* * * There will be no issue of the China Mail to-morrow (January 1).

The next issue will be on Wednesday.

Lighting-up time to-day is at 5.48 p.m.

Exchange on London 2/178; on Shanghai 70.

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A congregation for conferring Degrees is to be held at the University on Wednesday, January 9.

Rice, flour and sugar quotations will be found in this issue of the China Mail under Commercial Notes.

It is reported that 10% will be levied on all theatre tickets sold in Canton. This tax will be used for military purposes. It is also proposed that a luxury tax of 10% be levied on all motor car rides.

Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., advertise that all their departments will be closed on Tuesday, January 1. The Dispensary will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. for the dispensing of prescriptions only.

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This week the *China Mail's* voting contest is run on entirely new lines. Anxious to know what films please their patrons most, the management of the Coronet Theatre are offering the prize of \$50 for a poll of the twelve best pictures local cinema fans have ever seen. The poll is not limited to the Coronet Theatre nor to Hongkong. You simply name the twelve pictures you like most above all others, and if your selection comes nearest the general verdict then you win the prize. Entering for this unique contest you have double pleasure—you know that in assisting the Coronet Theatre management to decide what pictures are liked best you are helping to choose your own movies, and that as someone must win the \$50 you might quite easily begin the New Year with a handy little gift. Here's a chance that may never come again. Cut out the coupon on page 9, fill in the twelve pictures you have liked best, mark the envelope "Vote" and send it to the *China Mail*, 31 Wyndham Street. You can send in as many coupons as you like, but they must all reach the *China Mail* Office by Monday next. Any forms received by the *China Mail* later than Monday will be disallowed. The decision of the Editor upon any points which may arise shall be final.

SUN'S SUBORDINATES.**FIGHTING FOR POWER.**

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

KONGMUN, December 29. Admiral Chan Chak, the virtual governor of the territory in and around this part of the river delta, left here yesterday, to direct operations on the Chin Shan front, which is not far from Macao. It has now been ascertained that the trouble arose through Ju Cheuk-man attacking some of Chan's troops in Chin Shan, the latter having been left there after assisting Ju to beat back the Yunnans who tried to take the Heung Shan district from him. Ju has been ordered by Sun Yat-sen to relinquish his post and his refusal has brought matters to a head. In the first attack Chan's men suffered over seventy killed and about one hundred wounded.

Admiral Chan retaliated by sending the gunboats "Kong Hon," "Kong Tai" and some armed launches and Ju has been defeated. Shun Tsan, at the northern extremity of the district, has already been taken by Chan, who is also besieging Shek-ki, the capital. It has been announced that Chan will not enter the capital until Ju's men have been cleared as he does not wish to be implicated in any possible looting.

The position at Kongmum is, relatively, quiet.

The gunboat "Kwong Hung" is at Kowloon.

Cheung Yat-to is the new San Wui magistrate.

A few passengers on the Canton-Kongmum and Shiu-hing-Kongmum junk ferries have been wounded by pirates while half-way between Pak Kai (Kongmum's port) and Chu Tau Shan (Pig's Head Hill).

ANOTHER PIRACY.**SALT JUNK STRIPPED.**

Piracy of a cargo of salt assessed at \$170 and clothing valued at \$7, in Chinese waters, has been reported to the Police. Yesterday, a junk master put into Tai O. His report is that on the afternoon of December 26, he was near Lin Tin when he was challenged by six men. As his crew only numbered six and the visitors had four rifles between them, he submitted to their clearing the ship.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The A.O.L. ss. "Caprice" sailed from Foochow on Dec. 10 and is expected to be about Jan. 30. The H. E. ss. "Phoenix" left Liverpool on Dec. 13 for Pusan, Port Swat, Singapore, Hongkong, Shanghai, Amoy and Dairen and is due here on about Jan. 28.

The H. E. ss. "Dromedary" left Liverpool on Dec. 13 for Singapore, Amoy and Japan and is due here on about Jan. 28.

SOCCER.**TRIANGULAR INTERPORT.****TRIAL MATCH NEXT SATURDAY.**

The *China Mail* is indebted to Mr. F. T. James, honorary secretary and treasurer of the H.K. Football Association, for the names of players chosen for the Interport trial match arranged for 4 p.m., on Saturday next, January 5, at Happy Valley, and the following comment:

TRIAL TEAMS.

White—Goal, Waviss, (Tamar); Backs: Wynne, (Police), Bishop, (H.K.F.C.); Halves: Mai, (H.K.F.C.); McElvein, (Kowloon); Elliot, (R.G.A.); Forwards: Charlesworth, (Surreys), Eaton, (Surreys), Johnson, (Police), Nash, (R.A.M.C.), Mackelworth, (Surreys).

Blue—Goal, Forsyth, (H.K.F.C.); Backs: Smith, (R.G.A.), Whele, (Kowloon); Halves: Post, (Police); Stewart, (H.K.F.C.); Bailey, (Kowloon); Forwards: Simpson, (Police), Begg, (H.K.F.C.); Humberston, (Surreys), Castledine, (R.G.A.); Omar, (St. Joseph's). Reserves: Angus, Duncan, McPhail, Mason and Knight.

The Committee consider that these teams represent the best available men for each position, and after this game they will choose the team which will represent Hongkong in the Interport contest at Shanghai next Chinese New Year.

It has not yet been possible for the Committee to decide upon a probable eleven as there have been two possible men for each position the Committee have, therefore, decided to leave the men on their form in this match.

The Interport this year is particularly interesting, not only because it is the first year there has been a Triangular contest, but because it is the first year there has been a trophy to play for, and the first year the competition has been controlled by definite rules.

These rules provide, *inter alia*, that the competition shall be open to any port in the Far East, that the trophy shall be played for alternately at Shanghai and Hongkong, and that the control of the competition shall be in the hands of the Shanghai and Hongkong Football Associations.

The inauguration of this competition—made possible by the generosity of the *Hongkong Telegraph* in providing a splendid cup—has opened up a vista of future years seeing a number of ports competing annually in a competition that will be as popular in the Far East, as the English Cup competition is in England.

It would be unwise at this date to venture an opinion as to the result of the Interport game, but it is safe to say that the Hongkong representative will be Rees to reverse the result of the last Interport game which was played in Hongkong.

To-morrow's Match.**ARMY v. NAVY.**

A grand charity match, Royal Navy v. Army, is being played at Sookunpoo-tomorrow, New Year's Day kick off at 4 p.m.

The following team has been selected to represent the Army—Goal, Sgt. Smith, R.C.A., Bucks; L. Cpl. Humberston, East Surreys, and Lieut. Smith, R.G.A.; Half-backs, Cpl. I. Howard, R.A.M.C., Pte. Boniface, East Surreys, Gnr. Lelliott, R.G.A.; Forwards—Q. M. Sgt. Charlesworth, East Surrey, Pte. Eaton, East Surreys, Mr. Gnr. Castledine, R.G.A., Pte. Nash, R.A.M.C., Pte. Mackelworth, East Surrey Regt.

Reserves—Ptes. Butler and Jordan, East Surreys.

Referee—Mr. Cassidy.

Extra seating accommodation is being provided and a good game and crowd is expected. The prices of admission to grand stand are civilians \$1.00, services in uniform, 50 cents. Unreserved side, civilians, 50 cents, services in uniform, 25 cents. The proceeds will be in aid of services charity.

SATURDAY'S LEAGUE GAMES.**DIVISION I.**

H.K. Club 4 Ambrose 2
Tamar 2 Hawkins 1
Despatch 4 Police 2
Diomedes 1 Kowloon 0
South China 1 R.G.A. 0
St. Joseph's 6 Froquose 2
Club de Rec. 3 Club Res. 0
Titania Res. 4 Diomedes Res. 1
University 1 Sacred Heart 0
Maraston 2 S. China "A" 2
S. China "B" 0 Hawkins 1

DIVISION II.

FRIENDLY.

Surreys 3 Titania 1

H.K. Football Club's senior eleven delighted their supporters on Saturday by trouncing the strong "Ambrose" team to the tune of 4-2. All the Club's goals were obtained in the first half. The game was more competitive in the second half.

IN BRIEF.**NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.****CABLES.**

The new American Ambassador has arrived in England.

The fate of the crew of the "Dixmude" is still uncertain.

An American freighter has foundered in the Black Sea, with all hands.

Germany's floating debt has been reduced as a result of the Rentenmark issue.

Crepe rubber for footwear is reported as being very popular, and the sale of the product is increasing.

GENERAL.

Mexico City—The National Railway has applied for a concession to build a short line between Mexico City and Tampico. The cost will be 7,000,000 pesos.

Chicago—Practice of law in the United States is a gambling game, played between two sets of lawyers, with a judge as the umpire, James Hannibal Clancy, Detroit lawyer, declared during a recent speech here.

Chicago—A portable radio set, with an aerial strung around a bicycle rim, is one of the exhibits in the radio show here. The bicycle rim is worn about the shoulders like an Elizabethan ruff. The batteries connected with it are carried in a "pendant lunch box."

Winnipeg, Man.—A new Government grain elevator to serve the Canadian National railways, will be constructed at Edmonton, Alta., in time for next year's crop. Charles Stewart, Canadian Minister of the Interior, announced during a visit to Winnipeg. The elevator will have a capacity of 2,500,000 bushels, and will cost between \$1,000,000 and \$1,250,000, he said.

Paris—The Egyptian Prince Kamil Eddine, who recently acquired a French automobile equipped with caterpillar wheels for travelling over the desert, plans to make a dash into the heart of Libya to find a record left there by the British explorer Rolfe in 1873. The Prince hopes to blaze a trail from Egypt to the Sahara by way of Libya. He will be accompanied by three French mechanics.

Milan—Giacomo Puccini, the composer, has won his suit against the Ricordi Music Publishing Company in which he complained that his dignity and artistic personality had been injured by the publication of a fox trot containing an extract from his opera, "Madame Butterfly." The Ricordi company was condemned to pay damages, the amount of which will be fixed at a separate sitting, and also to pay two-thirds of the court costs. It was shown at the trial that publication of the fox trot in question had been stopped.

SUICIDE?**OFFICER'S DEATH.**

There has been removed to the Public Mortuary, the body of Mr. Ernest Bruce Smith, the chief officer of the river steamer "Leung Kwong." He was found on the ship at seven o'clock last night with a shot in the head, which the police believe to be self-inflicted. The opinion expressed is that he committed suicide while temporarily insane.

With the half-time score at 1-1, the "Tamar" played with plenty of dash to beat the flagship by the odd goal in three. A clean-spirited game was seen.

Spasmodic individual brilliance in the Police team could not keep out the improved "Despatch" forwards who carried out their ship's name by 4 goals to 2.

With Wheeler away, and Pasco deputising in goal, Kowloon went down to the "Diomedes" on the Navy "B" ground. A close game ended in favour of the sailors who scored the only goal.

Playing with the wind in their favour in the second half, south China notched a point against the R.G.A. and ran out winners in a good game.

St. Joseph's 6 Froquose 2

Club de Rec. 3 Club Res. 0

Titania Res. 4 Diomedes Res. 1

University 1 Sacred Heart 0

Maraston 2 S. China "A" 2

S. China "B" 0 Hawkins 1

FRIENDLY.

Surreys 3 Titania 1

CORRESPONDENCE.**PIRACY.**

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Sir.—Referring to your leading article of Saturday, On what grounds do you presume "the usual enquiry will be held into the pirating of the Hydrangea?" Is the additional memory so overworked that it has already forgotten the piracy of the Sanning? She also was a British ship, which went from Hongkong, was pirated and two British officers seriously wounded, returned to Hongkong and sent these officers to Hospital where they remained three weeks. When was the usual enquiry held? Have not the members of the Mercantile Marine "already demanded" by every means at their disposal a searching enquiry into that case, and with what result?

That an enquiry would raise once again the vexed question of piracy prevention is a consummation devoutly to be wished, but it will serve no purpose to raise it and then pigeonhole it. Let the enquiry, investigation, commission, inquest, (absit omen), or any other old thing you like to call it be carried to its logical conclusion and never mind a tinker's curse about "My Government

What is the earthly use of continuously harping on the increase of armed guards, if by armed guards you mean Indian guards? It is public property that the master of the Hydrangea had to go, under a piratical escort, and give these men an assurance that no danger was to be feared, before they would come out of their room in which they had locked themselves.

It is to be hoped that the Government will collect the collected wisdom of numberless Solomons to devise suitable solution and it is also to be hoped that these Solomons will not all be laymen who have never been to sea and or have no intention of going. Let some of the practical men, who have a first hand knowledge of the matter and are studying the matter day and night in situ and not in armchairs, have a chance of authoritatively expressing their views, instead of being submitted to cross-examination, like hostile witnesses, by Government officials and budding chief justices who know salt water only when they taste it.

As to penalties "first catch your hare," but a start might be made by sending some of our "D" class

cruisers to Bias Bay for big gun practice and blowing the whole country-side off the map.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.**INSURANCE OFFICES.****NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all FIRE & MARINE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on TUESDAY, the 1st & WEDNESDAY, the 2nd January, 1924.

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NOTICE.

THE interest and responsibility in our firm of Mr. EDWARD JOHN CHAPMAN having ceased as from 31st December 1923, we have this day taken into partnership MR. HARRY GREENWOOD, A.C.A., LINSTEAD & DAVIS, Chartered Accountants.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1924.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS and Conditions of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 7th day of January, 1924, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Ma Tan Wei in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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| Reference No. | Locality | Boundary Measurements | S. | W. | N. | E. | Area | Annual Rent | Total Price |
|---------------|------------|-----------------------|------------|-------|-------|--------|------|-------------|-------------|
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BUCHO MARU..... Thursday, 3rd January.

CHILOTA - Via Singapore and Colombo.

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SOKUBAYA MARU..... Friday, 4th Jan.

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3. - D. L. Haibong.
4. - O. S.K. Soohu Maru.
5. - I.C.S.N. Yungsang.
6. - D. L. Haifong.
7. - O. N. Kweliyang.
8. - D. L. Amakusa Maru.
9. - O. N. Haiching.
10. - I.C.S.N. Yatching.

AMOK.

Jan. 1. - O. N. Nowchau.
2. - I.B.I. Torilla.
3. - D. L. Haibong.
4. - O. S.K. Soohu Maru.
5. - D. L. Haifong.
6. - O. N. Kweliyang.
7. - D. L. Amakusa Maru.
8. - D. L. Haiching.

FOOCHOW.

Jan. 1. - D. L. Haibong.
2. - D. L. Haifong.
3. - D. L. Haiching.

SHANGHAI.

Jan. 1. - C.N. Newchow.
2. - I.N.Y.K. Mito Maru.
3. - I.C.S.N. Fushimi Maru.
4. - J.C.J.L. Tjikembang.
5. - U.T. Portia.
6. - O. N. Soochow.
7. - O. N. Yung.
8. - P. & O. Sicilia.
9. - A.O.L. Pres. Grant.
10. - T.K.R. Tengyo Maru.
11. - L.T. Anna.
12. - O. N. Suiping.
13. - P. & O. Meicelor.

SYDNEY & COLOMBO.

Jan. 1. - N.Y.K. Geno Maru.
2. - O. S.K. Sado Maru.
3. - N.Y.K. Schlesien.
4. - P. & O. Sicilia.
5. - E. B. I. Saarbrucken.
6. - R. B. I. Alai Maru.
7. - P. & O. S. K. Soudan.
8. - P. & O. Sicilia.
9. - P. & O. Soudan.

SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

Jan. 1. - N.Y.K. Yutong Maru.
2. - P. & O. St. Albans.
3. - P. & O. Aratuna.
4. - P. & O. Ni. Albans.
5. - P. & O. Asia.

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Jan. 1. - N.Y.K. Akita Maru.
2. - I.R. I. Torilla.
3. - N.Y.K. Mito Maru.
4. - N.Y.K. Fushimi Maru.
5. - J.C.J.L. Tjikembang.
6. - I.T. Portia.
7. - B. I. Portia.
8. - E. B. I. Philotea.
9. - O. N. K. Alabama Maru.
10. - N.Y.K. Benidorm Maru.
11. - P. & O. K. R. Kuro Maru.

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Jan. 1. - N.Y.K. Akita Maru.
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8. - E. B. I. Philotea.
9. - O. N. K. Alabama Maru.
10. - N.Y.K. Benidorm Maru.
11. - P. & O. K. R. Kuro Maru.

HONOLULU.

Jan. 1. - D. R. K. Tonyo Maru.
2. - P. & O. K. R. Kuro Maru.
3. - P. & O. K. R. Kuro Maru.
4. - P. & O. K. R. Kuro Maru.
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11. - P. & O. K. R. Kuro Maru.

SAIGON.

Jan. 1. - O. S. K. Rangoon.
2. - I.C.S.N. Chittagong.
3. - I.C.S.N. Yangon.
4. - P. & O. K. R. Rangoon.
5. - P. & O. K. R. Rangoon.
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PAKHOI.

Jan. 1. - C.N. Chenan.
2. - I.C.S.N. Rangoon.
3. - I.C.S.N. Yangon.
4. - P. & O. K. R. Rangoon.
5. - P. & O. K. R. Rangoon.
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11. - P. & O. K. R. Rangoon.

TSINGTAO.

Jan. 1. - I.C.S.N. Rangoon.
2. - I.C.S.N. Yangon.
3. - I.C.S.N. Rangoon.
4. - P. & O. K. R. Rangoon.
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Jan. 1. - T.K.R. Shaiyu Maru.
2. - E. A. Eastern.
3. - E. A. Sanjakan.
4. - E. A. Eastern.
5. - E. A. Aratuna.
6. - E. A. St. Albans.

JAPAN PORTS.

Jan. 1. - J.C.J.L. Tjikembang.
2. - E. A. Van Cloon.
3. - J.C.J.L. Tjikembang.
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| "SICILIA" | 6,913 | 10th Jan. | Spore, Ponang, Colbo & Bombay |
| "MAEDONIA" | 11,098 | 26th Jan. | Ribay, Miles, London & Antwerp |
| "KASHGB" | 8,840 | 1st Feb. | MARSHALLS, London & Antwerp |
| "SOUDAN" | 6,698 | 13th Feb. | B'poro, Ponang, Colbo & Bombay |
| "MORNA" | 10,911 | 23rd Feb. | Ribay, Miles, London & Antwerp |
| "KARMA" | 6,098 | 8th Mar. | MARSHALLS, London & Antwerp |
| "NALDERA" | 13,092 | 22nd Mar. | B'laya, Miles, London & Antwerp |
| "SICILIA" | 6,813 | 17th May | MARSHALLS, London & Antwerp |
| "KHIBER" | 9,014 | 5th April | Spore, Ponang, Colbo & Bombay |
| "GITA" | 7,875 | 10th April | MARSHALLS, London & Antwerp |
| "SOUDAN" | 6,698 | 10th April | Spore, Ponang, Colbo & Bombay |
| "KALVAN" | 8,118 | 3rd May | MARSHALLS, London & Antwerp |
| "KASHMIR" | 8,860 | 17th May | MARSHALLS, London & Antwerp |
| "KHIBA" | 8,097 | 31st May | MARSHALLS, London & Antwerp |

BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS (South)

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| "TORILLA" | 5,205 | 22nd Jan. | Singapore, Ponang & Calcutta. |
| "JAPAN" | 8,032 | 2nd Feb. | Singapore, Ponang & Calcutta. |

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

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| "ARAFURA" | 6,000 | 5th Jan. | Manila, Sandakan, Thurday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne. |
| "ST. ALBANS" | 4,000 | 2nd Feb. | do. |
| "EASTERN" | 4,000 | 27th Feb. | do. |

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| "SICILIA" | 6,813 | at d'light. | Shanghai. |
| "JAPAN" | 6,698 | 7th Jan. | Shai, Moji and Kobo. |
| "ST. ALBANS" | 4,000 | 1st Jan. | Moji and Kobo. |
| "MOREA" | 10,011 | 12th Jan. | Shanghai, Moji & Kobo. |
| "KALVAN" | 8,098 | 22th Jan. | Shanghai, Moji & Kobo. |
| "SOUDAN" | 6,698 | 1st Feb. | Shanghai. |
| "EASTERN" | 4,000 | 2nd Feb. | Moji and Kobo. |
| "NALDERA" | 12,983 | 9th Feb. | Shanghai, Moji and Kobo. |
| "KHIBER" | 9,014 | 23rd Feb. | Shanghai, Moji & Kobo. |
| "CHINA" | 7,018 | 8th Mar. | Shanghai, Moji & Kobo. |
| "ARAFURA" | 6,000 | 8th Mar. | Moji and Kobo. |
| "SICILIA" | 6,813 | 13th Mar. | Shanghai, Moji, Kobo. |
| "KALVAN" | 9,118 | 22nd Mar. | Shanghai, Moji, Kobo. |
| "KASHMIR" | 8,698 | 4th Apr. | Shanghai, Moji & Kobo. |
| "SOUDAN" | 6,698 | 9th Apr. | Shanghai. |
| "KHIBA" | 9,007 | 18th Apr. | Shai, Moji, & Kobo. |
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Beef Sirloin.—Mei Long Pa ... lb. 30 24

Prime Cut ... " 30 24

Ornede.—Ham Ngan Yuk ... 36 20

Roast.—Skin ... " 30 24

Breast.—Ngan Nam ... " 24 20

Soup.—Tong Yuk ... " 15 20

Steak.—Ngan Yuk Pa ... " 24 22

Beef.—Ngan Yuk Pa ... " 24 22

Salmon.—Ngan Cheung ... 30 20

Salmon's Brain.—Ngan No set ... 10 14

Tongue, fresh.—Ngan Iach ... 60 60

Tongue, corned.—Ham Ngan Ia ... each ... cent.

Head.—Ngan Tan ... each 1.00 1.20

Heart.—Ngan Sam ... lb. 15 14

Hump, Sirloin.—Ngan Kin ... 28 20

Feet.—Ngan Koek ... 12 10

Kidneys.—Ngan Yia ... 15 12

—Ngan Mel ... 21 20

Liver.—Ngan Gon ... lb. 15 14

Tripe (undressed).—Ngan To lo ... 6 7

Calves' Head and Feet.—Ngan Kas ... set \$1.20 1.00

Meat Chop.—Young Pei Kwai ... 40 28

Leg.—Young Pei ... 40 28

Shoulder.—Young Shep ... 37 24

Saddle.—Young On Yuk ... 40 16

Pig's Chitlings.—Chi Chong ... 35 25

Brain.—Chi No ... per set 3 12

Foot.—Chi Kong ... lb. 15 15

Eye.—Chi Chup ... " 30 15

Head.—Chi Tan ... each 15 10

Heart.—Chi Yam ... each 15 10

Kidneys.—Chi Yia ... each 15 10

Liver.—Chi Kou ... 33 24

Pork Chop.—Chi Pai Kwai ... 35 28

Leg.—Chi Pei ... 32 27

Loin.—Chi Hau Tui ... 18 15

Offal.—Chi Lard ... 22 21

Sheep's Head and Feet.—Young

Tan Hock ... set 75 60

Heart.—Young Gatz ... each 10 9

Kidneys.—Young Yia ... each 15 10

Liver.—Young Kee ... lb. 40 25

Bucking Pig, to order.—Chi Tui ... 35 25

Stuck Beef.—Shang Ngau Yiu ... 30 20

Meat.—Shang Young Yau ... 40 26

Veal.—Ngau Tai Yuk ... 24 20

Sausage.—Ngau Tai Choung ... 20 20

No. 1 lb. 32 —

Fish.

Carbel.—Ka Yu ... lb. 36 19

Gream.—Pin Yu ... " 34 20

Cabon Fresh Water Fish.—Hol Sin Yu ... 28 18

Caro.—Ei Yu ... 33 15

Ovalfish.—Oik Yu ... 36 12

Codfish.—Mu Yu ... 23 20

Crabs.—Hai Yu ... 45 23

Cuttlefish.—Mak Yu ... 28 16

Dab.—Sha Mang Yu ... 55 23

Dace.—Wong Mai Lap ... 18 10

Dog Fish.—Tib To Sha ... 14 10

Eels, Conger.—Ho Man ... 28 16

Fresh water.—Tam Shui Yu ... 32 20

Yellow.—Wong Sin ... 48 25

Frog.—Tim Kal ... 60 32

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CRICKET.

R.E. v INDIANS 2nd XI.

The Royal Engineers played their first drawn match in the league this season, their opponents being the I.R.C. 2nd XI. Batting first, the Indians knocked up 179 for 8 wickets, the ball going to the boundary with frequency during the innings. For once the R.E. bowling was masterful, skipper D. Rumjahn hitting 6 and four 4's in his brief stay. Curreen also played bright cricket.

Only Major Gandy and Smith made a stand when the Sappers went in to bat at 4.20 p.m., but Ramsey hit two 6's before being run out.

I.R.C. 2nd XI.

| | O. M. | R. W. |
|-----------------|-------|-------|
| D. Laing | 1 0 | 5 1 |
| C. A. Peterson | 10 0 | 20 2 |
| J. L. Youngsaye | 6 1 | 27 1 |
| C. W. Lam | 6 0 | 26 3 |
| B. P. Ng | 4 3 | 7 2 |

Total (for 8 wks. de.) 179

Bowling Analysis.

A. Kitchell and E. Moosdeen did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

Major Gandy, b Arculli 37

Capt. Chinnendal, b Arculli 4

Cockell, c Sirdar Khan, b H. J. D.

Rumjahn 3

Smith, b Arculli 34

Brown, not out 12

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YAMATI SHOOTING.
WOUNDED OFFICERS' CONDITION.
TWO ROBBERS DYING.

On enquiry at the Government Civil Hospital this afternoon, Dr. C. W. McKenna courteously informed the *China Mail* that Sergeant Robertson is still in a very critical condition and will be so for some days.

It was learnt from police circles to-day that this officer had twice been wounded in the war, but had recovered.

Dr. McKenna's opinion regarding the other officers who were wounded in the affray with the armed gang at Yamati on Saturday morning, is as follows:-

Detective Sergeant Fender—satisfactory.

The Sikh sergeant—on the whole satisfactory, although he had a serious injury.

Detective Man Wan—"is quite all right."

As to the three alleged robbers, Dr. McKenna said that two were in a very serious state while the third will probably recover.

The man arrested in the flat was charged before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning and formally remanded. No plea was taken.

AFTERMATH.

Robbery Gossip.

Official and unofficial versions conflict as to how the police got wind of the robbery while it was in progress. According to one of the senior officers at Yamati station, one of the occupants of the floor below volunteered a report at the charge-room that "an armed robbery was suspected." This class of report had become fairly common in that crime-infested district, consequently the danger ahead was not sensed in the least. Nevertheless, Detective Inspector "Tim" Murphy went to the informant's floor and "smelt a rat."

One of the unofficial versions has it that a cigarette hawker with a pitch at the bottom of the staircase, laid the initial report. He is said to have been an ex-policeman and the desperadoes were suspected by his trained eye, as soon as they entered the house.

Hearst is responsible for yet another story which is that a water carrier overheard the victims of the robbery, pleading for their lives and offering all they had.

Police Thoughtfulness.
Framing together the fragments picked up from the officers engaged in the fray, it appears that the police decided to decoy the robbers out of the house into the street to minimise the danger to people in the house, shortly after the three Europeans had posted themselves on the staircase.

Interesting Theories.
Chinese who have studied the actions of robbers in the interior are curious to know what happened to the man or men who stood guard at the door, or in the street. They claim that the scout outside is absolutely necessary, that it is usually the more experienced, quick-to-act, trained observer, that is assigned to the duty, and point to the frequency with which these "guards" are mentioned in police reports. The general opinion is that the look-out man must have been in the street and that he took to his heels when Tim Murphy—who has been engaged in Yamati detective work for a decade and is universally known there—first went to investigate.

Chinese Tec's Stamina.
Men who have previously been under fire in the trenches will find a special interest in the account of what happened to the Chinese detective who was wounded. After being shot in the back he was not conscious of his injury and together with another detective, ran his quarry to earth and brought him into the charge-room. It was not till then that he felt uneasy. He is said to have asked his colleague to have a look at his back to see "what was the matter." What language he used then is excusable but the alleged robber is quoted as having rejoined "All right, brother. I have several (meaning bullets) in my body" and thereupon lifted up his coat to bear out his contention.

Miscellaneous Items.

The shooting was over in a few minutes, and everything was so sudden that nobody had time to take stock of anything outside his own immediate attention. Hence there was little in the way of an organised, effective cordon, individual police just giving chase when they saw a robber firing or running. If what is stated is correct, the miscreants must have prepared to resist capture to the uppermost, as it is said that they had their weapons fitted to their belts and also had an abundance of ammunition. These are more than what is required to terrorise the average Chinese householder.

Detective Mai Yiu, who is claimed to have made one arrest, is attached to Central. He was on his way to the ferry for Hongkong, when he heard the shots and at once joined in the fray. This detective has to his

APPRECIATION.

The large number of those who witnessed the display of classical dancing by Miss Violet Cappell's pupils, some time ago, will be interested to read the letter, copy of which we give below sent by Viscount Knutsford, Chairman of the London Hospital, to which institution Miss Capell devoted part of the proceeds of her concert.

London Hospital

Whitechapel E. I.

24th November 1923.

"Dear Madam.—You have given me a most delightful surprise, and I cannot tell you how pleased I am with the splendid cheque which this morning's post has brought me.

It may add to your pleasure, as it certainly has to mine, that the gift is worth twice its face value, as a friend of mine has just offered to match £1 for £1 every moner gift made to the Hospital before the end of the year. We will do this up to £80,000, so you see that your pupils have really helped us to the extent of £120.

Please pass on my warmest thanks to everyone concerned, and pray intercept a most liberal part for yourself. I really am most grateful.

I hope you will accept, as the most trifling of gifts the little book I am sending you under separate cover, my Secretary had the cheek to write it, and though there is too much about me in it there is plenty of interesting Hospital matter."

Yours very truly,

(Sd.) KNUTSFORD.

The Stigberg quay at Gothenburg will be extended at the eastern end, and the harbour depth will be increased at this point to 10 metres in order to accommodate the largest steamships from the United States. The cost of the scheme is estimated at 500,000 crowns.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

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credit; a thrilling capture, after a running revolver duel in several streets, during race-week this year, when the villain was ultimately brought down with about half-a-dozen bullets in him.

The No. 1 Chinese detective at Yamati, hero of a pistol battle with four armed robbers in Portland Street a month or so ago, was also in this affair but had the misfortune to sprain his ankle when taking a leap over a stack of bricks.

A rumour goes that one of the alleged robbers, who is known in Yamati as "Analytical Chin," has previous acquaintance with the police. Mr. T. H. King, Director of Criminal Intelligence, is mentioned as having personally executed a search on his house immediately after the shooting.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS AND PASSENGERS.

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FROM NORTH CHINA.

Jan. 6.—R.O.I.L. Tjilatjap.

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Jan. 6.—E. A. Banca.

FROM SHANGHAI.

Jan. 13.—J.C.I.L. Tjilatjap.

FROM MANILA.

Jan. 10.—U.S.S.B. West Carmons.

FROM JAPAN.

Jan. 2.—J.C.I.L. Tjilatjap.

FROM JAVA.

Jan. 23.—J.C.I.L. Tjilatjap.

FROM SINGAPORE.

Doc. 29.—B.L. Tortilla.

FROM CALCUTTA.

Jan. 6.—B.L. Japan.

FROM SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

Jan. 2.—A.O.L. Kut.

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18.—P. & O. Karmala.

25.—G.L. Gisanda.

31.—G.L. Sondan.

Feb. 1.—P. & O. Nodera.

6.—G.L. Pomerania.

22.—P. & O. Rykypa.

25.—G.L. Hadzorshire.

Mar. 7.—P. & O. China.

10.—G.L. Gleclace.

12.—I. & O. Sicilia.

21.—P. & O. Kalyan.

28.—P. & O. Sondan.

May 1.—P. & O. Delta.

FROM LIVERPOOL.

Jan. 1.—B.F. Kt. Companion.

6.—B.F. Menton.

13.—B.F. Ixion.

17.—B.F. Agaraporn.

25.—B.F. Phoenicia.

31.—B.F. Promethea.

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FIRST COMPENSATION AWARDS.

Awards to a total of \$3,941 by the Irish Deportees (Compensation) Tribunal—Lord Justice Atkin, Sir Francis Taylor, K.C. and Sir Hugh Fraser, K.C.—to six claimants whose cases have been heard have been announced as follows:



While in the office of District Attorney Dodd, of Brooklyn, N. Y., asking that an investigation be made into the disappearance of her husband, Richard, whose coal and hat were found on the middle span of one of the bridges over the East River, Mrs. Emma Dieters gazed into the face of a man who entered the room. "That's him!" she shrieked. "Don't let him get away!" Then she fainted. The man was E. M. Jeffe, assistant sales manager of the Brooklyn Edison Company and a prominent member of the Crescent Athletic Club, where Dieters had been threatened because members of the club believed he had picked up love letters from a waste-paper basket and was going to give them to his wife.



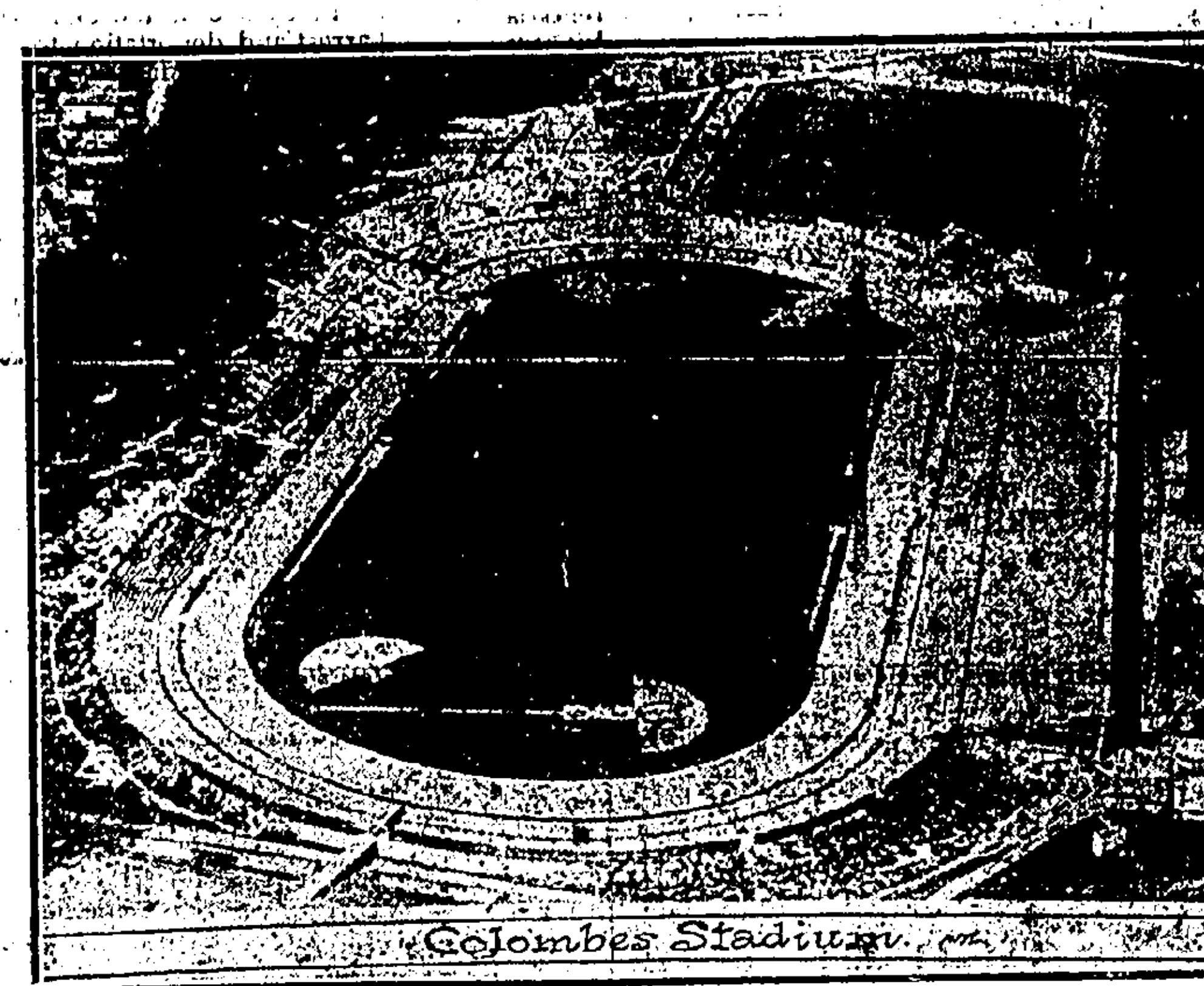
Emil Hersch, owner of a travelling show, is under arrest in Chicago, charged with kidnapping nine-year-old Mabel Kropp, of Oneida, Wis., for the purpose of using her as a "dancing doll" in his show. Alienists are examining into his sanity.



William Gibbs McAdoo and his two children—Mary Faith (left) and Ellen Wilson, granddaughters of ex-President Wilson—were recent callers on President Coolidge. As they left the White House Mr. Coolidge asked them "to call again" "Oh, we'll be back!" answered Ellen, whose father is a strong possibility for the Democratic nomination for the Presidency next year.



The delegates to the Imperial British Conference, representing all the British colonies and possessions, were photographed in the garden of No. 10 Downing Street, the official London home of Premier Stanley Baldwin. In the front row, left to right are: The Maharajah of Alwar, India; the Duke of Devonshire; T. R. Massey, Prime Minister of New Zealand; Lord Curzon, British Foreign Minister, Mackenzie King; Prime Minister of Canada; Stanley Baldwin, British Prime Minister, S. M. Bruce, Prime Minister of Australia; Lord Salisbury; General Jan Smuts, Prime Minister of South Africa; W. B. Warren, Prime Minister of Newfoundland; Lord Peel and Desmond Fitzgerald, representing the Irish Free State. In the back row, left to right, are: Prof. Rushbrooke, representing India; Mr. McGilligan and Mr. Thompson, New Zealand; Prof. O. D. Skelton, Canada; Sir Maurice Henley and Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru, India; H. Burton, South Africa; G. P. Graham, Canada; Senator R. V. Wilson, Australia; Sir Lomer Gouin, Canada; N. J. De Wet, South Africa; J. C. C. Davidson, M.P.; Sir J. E. Masterson-Smith and Sir R. Gairan, Australia; E. J. Harding and Captain E. F. C. Lane, South Africa; and Mr. Curzon.



Above is the new stadium at Colombes, near Paris, France, where the 1924 Olympic Games will be held, with picked athletes of 42 nations competing for the world's supremacy in sports.



In the beautiful chapel of the Seminary of St. Sulpice, at Issy, France, Cardinal Dubois conferred sacred orders on sixteen priests and six deacons. All were combatants in the World War, including one Officer and three Knights of the Legion of Honour, two owners of the Medaille Militaire, France's highest decoration for valour, while ten wore the Croix de Guerre. One was an artillery Lieutenant-colonel, six were lieutenants, four were sub-lieutenants and three were students in the War College. After the last prayer all the candidates for sacred orders fell prostrate on the floor, while the Schola Cantorum sang the litany of the saints, as shown in this photograph.

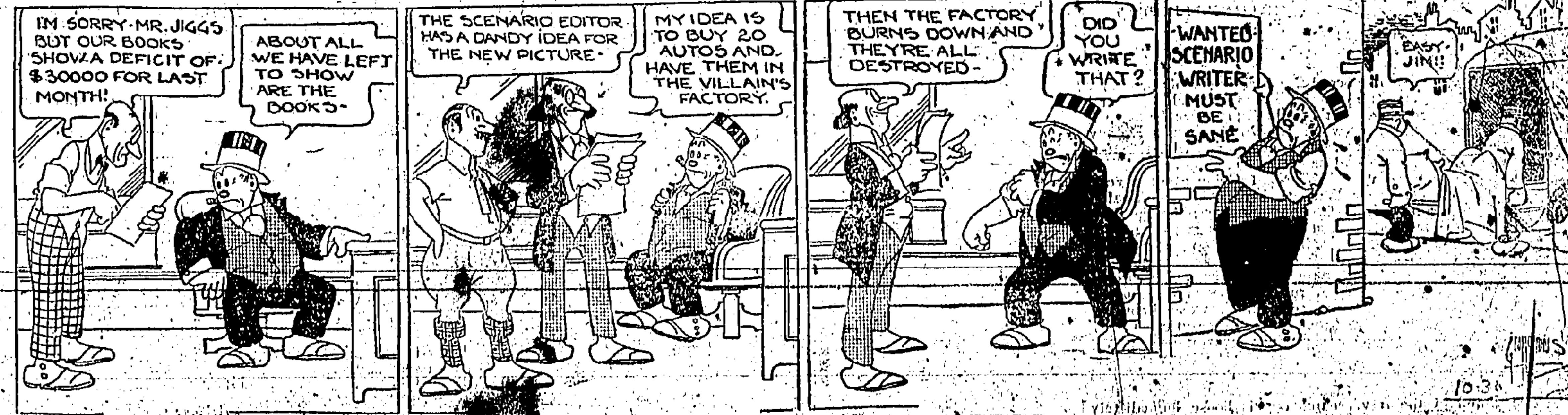


Young Chicago society women will tell the wide world, and especially that section of it that wears uniforms of commissioned officers in the United States Army, that spurs may be all right to keep their feet from slipping off their desks (as Uncle Joe Clinton described them), but they are IMPOSSIBLE on a dance floor. They say they won't go to the Armistice Day Ball at the Army and Navy Club if the officers don't sheath their spurs. The picture describes the deadly dig of the spurred military heel.



Mrs. Helen Woodward Stokes, who is being sued for divorce in New York City by W. E. D. Stokes, multi-millionaire sportsman, was identified by a repudiated affidavit of a Mrs. Williams as a red-haired woman who visited the Bethel (Conn.) bungalow of W. Leon Pepperman, vice-president of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company, with Edgar T. Wallace, alleged co-respondent. In court, however, Mrs. Margaret Wynn Pell, wife of a wealthy New York Stock Exchange member, appeared as Mrs. Stokes' "double." She said it was she and not Mrs. Stokes who visited the bungalow. In this she was corroborated by her husband, Colonel Pepperman, and others. Mrs. Pell's hair is red and her complexion much the same as Mrs. Stokes. The two women are of the same size. If you were on the jury, would you decide Mrs. Pell is Mrs. Stokes' "double"? Is it the tilt of the nose? the cast of the firm thin? the curious expression of the eyes? or the little, turned-down mouth?

BRINGING UP FATHER.



EA TELEGRAMS.

(Reuters) Service to the China Mail
CANADA CUSTOMS QUESTION.

LONDON, December 29.
The Washington correspondent says that a newspaper from Canton, describing the rapid growth of anti-foreign sentiments in South China, and is it reported to America, has caused some concern and is the subject of official reference.

It is explained that the United States is operating with the other Powers in a naval demonstration at Canton, primarily for the purpose of assisting maintenance of the integrity of China.

The American Government is the opinion that Sun Yat-sen's threat to seize the Customs would be at China's credit, if it would set the seal of approval upon the retention of revenues by providing authorities, a practice which threatening to starve the Central Government of funds.

The policy adopted by the United States is in concert with the other Powers and is based upon reports received from Consular and other officials on the spot, and its intention is officially that such measures will be taken as may be necessary to protect the Customs revenues from seizure, either by Sun Yat-sen's forces or others who may secure ascendancy in Kwangtung.

The Morning Post's Washington correspondent says that he expects from China that the Chinese are contemplating a boycott of American goods because of American participation in the naval demonstration at Canton, as resulted in a cautious word semi-official intimation that while the American Government favors joint action by the Powers in China, to protect treaty rights, the United States will not consent to be placed in the position of assuming leadership in coercive measures, and if that impression is created in the Chinese mind the United States may be compelled to adopt independent policy.

Renter's American Service.

PEKING, December 29.
As regards the Canton Customs Commissioner is communicating to Dr. C. C. Wu his reversion to the Inspector-General (not the Diplomatic Body). It is understood that the Inspector-General informed Sun Yat-sen that the Inspector-General could receive instructions from no one but the Central Government.

DUFF DEVELOPMENT CO.

LONDON, December 29.
At a meeting of the Duff Development Company, the Chairman, dealing with the litigation with the Kelantan Government, stated that the directors had refused an offer to settle all matters in dispute by a monetary compensation of £300,000, and each party paying its own costs of arbitration litigation. He intimated, however, the Company's willingness to accept a reasonable compromise.

The Chairman complained strongly of the action of the Colonial Office in supporting the Government of Kelantan in running up costs.

GYRO STEERER.

LONDON, December 29.
The Cunard liner "Laconia" leaves New York on January 1st on a world cruise to demonstrate the possibilities of the automatic Gyro gyro steerer, with which she recently successfully accomplished the trans-Atlantic voyage. The vessel will proceed along the Panama Canal, calling intermediate Yokohama, Shanghai, Hongkong, Batavia, Singapore, Rangoon, Calcutta, Colombo and Bombay.

ENGLISH SUGAR.

London, December 29.
The intention to embark on an important scheme of sugar production in England was announced at a representative meeting of agriculturists at Nottingham. The Chairman stated that four big shipowners had agreed to find capital for the company, which intended erecting a factory at Colwick, with a view to cultivating five thousand acres in 1924 and a hundred thousand acres in 1925.

RUHR AND RHINELAND.

LONDON, December 29.
Owing to the joll in domestic politics the newspapers are giving attention to the new situation in the Ruhr and Rhineland and the Franco-German conversations which are proceeding at Paris on this subject, as it is likely they will bulk largely in the discussions when Parliament re-opens.

FIGHTING IN PHILIPPINES.

MANILA, December 29.
Thirty-one Moros were killed by the Constabulary at Malunay, Lantao, where sixty constabulary were attacked. There were no casualties among the constabulary.

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Reader's Service to the China Mail.

NEW AMBASSADOR TO
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LONDON, December 29.
The Foreign Office announces that Sir Auckland Geddes has resigned; as the doctors have advised him that the state of his eyes will not permit of an immediate resumption of his work at Washington. In consequence of this, Sir Esme Howard has been appointed Ambassador to Washington and Sir Horace Rumbold Ambassador to Madrid.

COTTON TRADE LOSSES.

LONDON, December 29.
In a speech at Manchester, Sir Charles W. Macara declared that the cotton trade was losing approximately £1,000,000 weekly. A large number of mills had not yielded a return for over three years.

BANDIT OUTRAGE.

HANKOW, December 30.
The Central China Post has received advice from Sianyang that bandits captured the Tsao-ying and Hupeh American Lutheran Brethren missionaries. Mrs. Hoff was wounded and Mrs. Kilen taken prisoner. The bandits are proceeding to Tungpu. A further telegram from Sianyang states that three missionaries have been killed at Tsao-ying by the notorious Bandit Chief Lao Yang Ren.

THE WATER SUPPLY.

Level and Storage of water reservoirs at the 1st December 1923 -
CITY AND DISTRICT WATER WORKS
LEVEL - 1923
Jan 4th 7th. Below 10th. Above overflow
Water level 10th. Below overflow
Intermediate 14th. 1st. Gm. Above overflow
Jan 15th. 16th. 17th. 18th. Below overflow
Water level 18th. Below overflow
Intermediate 19th. 20th. 21st. Gm. Above overflow
Jan 22nd. 23rd. 24th. 25th. Below overflow
Water level 25th. 26th. 27th. 28th. Below overflow
Intermediate 29th. 30th. 31st. Gm. Above overflow
Jan 32nd. 33rd. 34th. 35th. Below overflow
Water level 35th. 36th. 37th. 38th. Below overflow
Intermediate 38th. 39th. 40th. 41st. Gm. Above overflow
Jan 42nd. 43rd. 44th. 45th. Below overflow
Water level 45th. 46th. 47th. 48th. Below overflow
Intermediate 48th. 49th. 50th. 51st. Gm. Above overflow
Jan 52nd. 53rd. 54th. 55th. Below overflow
Water level 55th. 56th. 57th. 58th. Below overflow
Intermediate 58th. 59th. 60th. 61st. Gm. Above overflow
Jan 62nd. 63rd. 64th. 65th. Below overflow
Water level 65th. 66th. 67th. 68th. Below overflow
Intermediate 68th. 69th. 70th. 71st. Gm. Above overflow
Jan 73rd. 74th. 75th. 76th. Below overflow
Water level 76th. 77th. 78th. 79th. Below overflow
Intermediate 79th. 80th. 81st. 82nd. Gm. Above overflow
Jan 84th. 85th. 86th. 87th. Below overflow
Water level 87th. 88th. 89th. 90th. Below overflow
Intermediate 90th. 91st. 92nd. 93rd. Gm. Above overflow
Jan 95th. 96th. 97th. 98th. Below overflow
Water level 98th. 99th. 100th. 101st. Below overflow
Intermediate 101st. 102nd. 103rd. 104th. Gm. Above overflow
Jan 106th. 107th. 108th. 109th. Below overflow
Water level 109th. 110th. 111th. 112th. Below overflow
Intermediate 112th. 113th. 114th. 115th. Gm. Above overflow
Jan 118th. 119th. 120th. 121st. Below overflow
Water level 121th. 122th. 123th. 124th. Below overflow
Intermediate 124th. 125th. 126th. 127th. Gm. Above overflow
Jan 129th. 130th. 131th. 132th. Below overflow
Water level 132th. 133th. 134th. 135th. Below overflow
Intermediate 135th. 136th. 137th. 138th. Gm. Above overflow
Jan 141th. 142th. 143th. 144th. Below overflow
Water level 144th. 145th. 146th. 147th. Below overflow
Intermediate 147th. 148th. 149th. 150th. Gm. Above overflow
Jan 153th. 154th. 155th. 156th. Below overflow
Water level 156th. 157th. 158th. 159th. Below overflow
Intermediate 159th. 160th. 161th. 162th. Gm. Above overflow
Jan 165th. 166th. 167th. 168th. Below overflow
Water level 168th. 169th. 170th. 171th. Below overflow
Intermediate 171th. 172th. 173th. 174th. Gm. Above overflow
Jan 178th. 179th. 180th. 181th. Below overflow
Water level 181th. 182th. 183th. 184th. Below overflow
Intermediate 184th. 185th. 186th. 187th. Gm. Above overflow
Jan 191th. 192th. 193th. 194th. Below overflow
Water level 194th. 195th. 196th. 197th. Below overflow
Intermediate 197th. 198th. 199th. 200th. Gm. Above overflow
Jan 204th. 205th. 206th. 207th. Below overflow
Water level 207th. 208th. 209th. 210th. Below overflow
Intermediate 210th. 211th. 212th. 213th. Gm. Above overflow
Jan 217th. 218th. 219th. 220th. Below overflow
Water level 220th. 221th. 222th. 223th. Below overflow
Intermediate 223th. 224th. 225th. 226th. Gm. Above overflow
Jan 230th. 231th. 232th. 233th. Below overflow
Water level 233th. 234th. 235th. 236th. Below overflow
Intermediate 236th. 237th. 238th. 239th. Gm. Above overflow
Jan 243th. 244th. 245th. 246th. Below overflow
Water level 246th. 247th. 248th. 249th. Below overflow
Intermediate 249th. 250th. 251th. 252th. Gm. Above overflow
Jan 256th. 257th. 258th. 259th. Below overflow
Water level 259th. 260th. 261th. 262th. Below overflow
Intermediate 262th. 263th. 264th. 265th. Gm. Above overflow
Jan 269th. 270th. 271th. 272th. Below overflow
Water level 272th. 273th. 274th. 275th. Below overflow
Intermediate 275th. 276th. 277th. 278th. Gm. Above overflow
Jan 282th. 283th. 284th. 285th. Below overflow
Water level 285th. 286th. 287th. 288th. Below overflow
Intermediate 288th. 289th. 290th. 291th. Gm. Above overflow
Jan 297th. 298th. 299th. 300th. Below overflow
Water level 300th. 301th. 302th. 303th. Below overflow
Intermediate 303th. 304th. 305th. 306th. Gm. Above overflow
Jan 310th. 311th. 312th. 313th. Below overflow
Water level 313th. 314th. 315th. 316th. Below overflow
Intermediate 316th. 317th. 318th. 319th. Gm. Above overflow
Jan 323th. 324th. 325th. 326th. Below overflow
Water level 326th. 327th. 328th. 329th. Below overflow
Intermediate 329th. 330th. 331th. 332th. Gm. Above overflow
Jan 338th. 339th. 340th. 341th. Below overflow
Water level 341th. 342th. 343th. 344th. Below overflow
Intermediate 344th. 345th. 346th. 347th. Gm. Above overflow
Jan 351th. 352th. 353th. 354th. Below overflow
Water level 354th. 355th. 356th. 357th. Below overflow
Intermediate 357th. 358th. 359th. 360th. Gm. Above overflow
Jan 366th. 367th. 368th. 369th. Below overflow
Water level 369th. 370th. 371th. 372th. Below overflow
Intermediate 372th. 373th. 374th. 375th. Gm. Above overflow
Jan 382th. 383th. 384th. 385th. Below overflow
Water level 385th. 386th. 387th. 388th. Below overflow
Intermediate 388th. 389th. 390th. 391th. Gm. Above overflow
Jan 397th. 398th. 399th. 400th. Below overflow
Water level 400th. 401th. 402th. 403th. Below overflow
Intermediate 403th. 404th. 405th. 406th. Gm. Above overflow
Jan 412th. 413th. 414th. 415th. Below overflow
Water level 415th. 416th. 417th. 418th. Below overflow
Intermediate 418th. 419th. 420th. 421th. Gm. Above overflow
Jan 428th. 429th. 430th. 431th. Below overflow
Water level 431th. 432th. 433th. 434th. Below overflow
Intermediate 434th. 435th. 436th. 437th. Gm. Above overflow
Jan 445th. 446th. 447th. 448th. Below overflow
Water level 448th. 449th. 450th. 451th. Below overflow
Intermediate 451th. 452th. 453th. 454th. Gm. Above overflow
Jan 462th. 463th. 464th. 465th. Below overflow
Water level 465th. 466th. 467th. 468th. Below overflow
Intermediate 468th. 469th. 470th. 471th. Gm. Above overflow
Jan 478th. 479th. 480th. 481th. Below overflow
Water level 481th. 482th. 483th. 484th. Below overflow
Intermediate 484th. 485th. 486th. 487th. Gm. Above overflow
Jan 495th. 496th. 497th. 498th. Below overflow
Water level 498th. 499th. 500th. 501th. Below overflow
Intermediate 501th. 502th. 503th. 504th. Gm. Above overflow
Jan 512th. 513th. 514th. 515th. Below overflow
Water level 515th. 516th. 517th. 518th. Below overflow
Intermediate 518th. 519th. 520th. 521th. Gm. Above overflow
Jan 528th. 529th. 530th. 531th. Below overflow
Water level 531th. 532th. 533th. 534th. Below overflow
Intermediate 534th. 535th. 536th. 537th. Gm. Above overflow
Jan 545th. 546th. 547th. 548th. Below overflow
Water level 548th. 549th. 550th. 551th. Below overflow
Intermediate 551th. 552th. 553th. 554th. Gm. Above overflow
Jan 561th. 562th. 563th. 564th. Below overflow
Water level 564th. 565th. 566th. 567th. Below overflow
Intermediate 567th. 568th. 569th. 570th. Gm. Above overflow
Jan 578th. 579th. 580th. 581th. Below overflow
Water level 581th. 582th. 583th. 584th. Below overflow
Intermediate 584th. 585th. 586th. 587th. Gm. Above overflow
Jan 595th. 596th. 597th. 598th. Below overflow
Water level 598th. 599th. 600th. 601th. Below overflow
Intermediate 601th. 602th. 603th. 604th. Gm. Above overflow
Jan 612th. 613th. 614th. 615th. Below overflow
Water level 615th. 616th. 617th. 618th. Below overflow
Intermediate 618th. 619th. 620th. 621th. Gm. Above overflow
Jan 628th. 629th. 630th. 631th. Below overflow
Water level 631th. 632th. 633th. 634th. Below overflow
Intermediate 634th. 635th. 636th. 637th. Gm. Above overflow
Jan 645th. 646th. 647th. 648th. Below overflow
Water level 648th. 649th. 650th. 651th. Below overflow
Intermediate 651th. 652th. 653th. 654th. Gm. Above overflow
Jan 662th. 663th. 664th. 665th. Below overflow
Water level 665th. 666th. 667th. 668th. Below overflow
Intermediate 668th. 669th. 670th. 671th. Gm. Above overflow
Jan 678th. 679th. 680th. 681th. Below overflow
Water level 681th. 682th. 683th. 684th. Below overflow
Intermediate 684th. 685th. 686th. 687th. Gm. Above overflow
Jan 695th. 696th. 697th. 698th. Below overflow
Water level 698th. 699th. 700th. 701th. Below overflow
Intermediate 701th. 702th. 703th. 704th. Gm. Above overflow
Jan 712th. 713th. 714th. 715th. Below overflow
Water level 715th. 716th. 717th. 718th. Below overflow
Intermediate 718th. 719th. 720th. 721th. Gm. Above overflow
Jan 728th. 729th. 730th. 731th. Below overflow
Water level 731th. 732th. 733th. 734th. Below overflow
Intermediate 734th. 735th. 736th. 737th. Gm. Above overflow
Jan 745th. 746th. 747th. 748th. Below overflow
Water level 748th. 749th. 750th. 751th. Below overflow
Intermediate 751th. 752th. 753th. 754th. Gm. Above overflow
Jan 761th. 762th. 763th. 764th. Below overflow
Water level 764th. 765th. 766th. 767th. Below overflow
Intermediate 767th. 768th. 769th. 770th. Gm. Above overflow
Jan 778th. 779th. 780th. 781th. Below overflow
Water level 781th. 782th. 783th. 784th. Below overflow
Intermediate 784th. 785th. 786th. 787th. Gm. Above overflow
Jan 795th. 796th. 797th. 798th. Below overflow
Water level 798th. 799th. 800th. 801th. Below overflow
Intermediate 801th. 802th. 803th. 804th. Gm. Above overflow
Jan 8

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Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours

ending at 10 a.m. was 0.00 inches.

Total since January 1 is 105.71 inches,

against an average of 81.14 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at

noon on January 1, 1924:

1. Formosa—Chamiao, N.W. winds

strong.

2. South coast of China, between

Macau and Lantau, N.E. winds,

strong.

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4. South coast of China, between

Hankow and Hainan, N.E. winds,

fresh; fair.

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